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GREAT RALLY

In the Interest of the Kentucky Normal College.

Very Successful Affair, at Which the Hon. W. H. May was the Chief Speaker.

As announced in last week's issue of the NEWS, a rally was given in the interest of the Kentucky Normal College of this city on last Friday. The affair was planned by the Board of Education of Louisa.

The opening exercises began at 3:30 p. m., when the Boys' Concert Band led the procession of college students from the college to the depot where they were met by the pupils from the public school building; and there formed in line several students deep and extending from the corner of Main street to the opposite side of Madison street. The students of several of the counties had organized and were arrayed in the line under their banners. Next to the band was the Floyd county delegation, after them came the Magoffin, Lawrence, Boyd, Pike and Johnson counties in the order named, and then the students from the eight or ten other counties not organized and Professors Byington, Kennison, Spradlin and Cisco, and Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Ryan and Miss Bromley of the college faculty. Next in line were Prof. McClure and the pupils of the common school department grouped with their respective teachers, Mr. Cisco, Prof. Copley, Miss Gearhart, and Mrs. Sullivan.

This ovation was in honor of the chief speaker of the evening, who arrived on No. 39 and was escorted to his place of entertainment; after which the pupils of the public school were excused from the line, and those from the advanced department returned to the square in front of the college and the delegations from the different counties entertained one another with a friendly rivalry of songs and college "yells," ending with a race to the college veranda, which was won by the Lawrence county banner.

At seven p. m. the court house was well filled with citizens when the school marched in, the Common School Department entering first, and followed by the College Department led by the band. M. S. Burns made the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Louisa, in his usual happy and forceful manner. Aside from the pleasantness of the occasion he addressed a few words in serious strain, urging upon the young people the fact that they have come here for work and can not afford to spend any time in amusements, for such things tend to take the mind from their studies and consume time and energy which should be devoted to making the most of the excellent opportunities for study now open before them.

Words of welcome from the Lawrence county students to those from other counties and states were ably and appropriately spoken by Mr. Dock Jordan, who also expressed his appreciation of the K. N. C.; after which the Lawrence students expressed their enthusiasm by a series of college yells and their loyalty to the K. N. C. by a song composed for the occasion and set to the tune of "Glory, Hallelujah!"

Responses were then made by representatives of several counties, interspersed with the yells of the different counties, and songs written for the occasion expressing devotion to the K. N. C.; one to the music of "My Old Kentucky Home" by the students of Magoffin county, and one to the tune of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" by those from Floyd county. Mr. W. S. Caudill spoke for Johnson county and called attention to the fact that attendance from his county had not fallen below that of last year. In his talk he paid glowing tribute to the kind mother at home who was praying for her son at school. Magoffin county was represented by Miss Julia Arnett, who among other things mentioned the fact that the attendance from Magoffin county this term is exactly twice as large

as last winter. Miss Cordella Stewart, who said that "numbers speak louder than words," and that the loyalty of Floyd county is shown in the fact that there are enrolled in the K. N. C. at this time one hundred and nine from that county. That the college in moving to Louisa had not gone so far that the fidelity of Floyd could not reach it; in fact, the college could not move so far away that Floyd students would not follow it; and promised a still larger delegation next year. Mr. Joseph Alley spoke for Pike county, and claimed for his county one especial honor that the attendance from his county is more than three times as great as last year.

For lack of time, delegates from the nine or ten other counties of Kentucky and the students in attendance from the states of West Virginia, Old Virginia, Ohio and Iowa, were not called on to respond. It would be impossible to say which delegation of students showed the most zeal, enthusiasm and loyalty; and all who are acquainted with bodies of students, commented on this beautiful spirit universal among the K. N. C. students.

After a short, interesting and stirring talk by President Byington, he introduced the speaker of the evening, the Hon. W. H. May, Commonwealth's Attorney for the 31st Judicial District of Kentucky. Mr. May is a thorough Normalite, having had instruction under Alfred Holbrook, the founder of Independent Normalism. Mr. May is a living example of what the principles of Independent Normalism grafted upon the native ability of the mountain boy of Kentucky, will produce. He has a commanding appearance on the rostrum, tall, erect, graceful and genial; and has a clear, pleasant, carrying voice. He spoke briefly of the contrast between true Normalism and the false Normalism of the present. (Continued on page 5.)

DAMRON OIL COMPANY.

Preparing to Develop Some Good West Virginia Property.

The Damron Oil Company has been organized at Huntington to develop some promising oil and gas territory in Lincoln county, W. Va. The property adjoins one of the richest fields in West Virginia. It is the strongest gas territory now known in the United States. A well recently drilled in their is producing eleven millions of cubic feet of gas per day. There are dozens of other wells in the same neighborhood producing enormous amounts of gas. Also, there are some good oil wells on the same property.

Wayne Damron, a Louisa boy, secured leases on this territory with the aid of an influential relative and official of Lincoln county. He has sold an interest to some substantial business men of Huntington and they are now getting ready to develop the property. Some treasury stock is being offered for sale, but the amount disposed of will be limited to a sum not exceeding the cost of one well. The stock has been on the market only a short time and is going rapidly.

The first well will be started as soon as the winter is over.

Surrender of the Daniels.

Six of the Daniels "feudists" have surrendered to the Sheriff of Pike county. They are James Daniels and five of his sons. It will be remembered that in defending these, Mrs. Charles Daniels and her sixteen year old daughter were shot to death in the doorway of their home near Devon, W. Va. The Daniels were charged with murder and were being pursued by a Pike county sheriff and posse. They took refuge in Charles Daniels' house, and in attempting to prevent the posse from entering Mrs. Daniels and the girl were killed.

Death of J. J. Burgess.

Louisa friends and relatives of Mrs. Lily Goble Burgess will be sorry to learn of the death of her husband, Mr. J. J. Burgess, which occurred at Dearborn, Missouri, on last Monday night. Death was the result of a heart and kidney trouble from which he had suffered a long time.

Death Claims Child.

William O'Brien Scott, aged 22 months and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Scott, now of Bluefield, but formerly of this city, died at their home in Bluefield Sunday morning of typhoid fever and after an illness of only two weeks. The little one seemed to improve just before the last and the death came as a severe blow to his parents, when they were expecting him to get well. They brought the body to Williamson on No. 3 Sunday night and the funeral services were conducted from the home of Mrs. Scott's brother, Mr. Fred O'Brien, on Fourth Avenue, and interment made in the Williamson cemetery. Rev. S. W. Moore conducted the funeral services. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Scott in their bereavement.—Williamson Enterprise.

Mrs. Scott, who is a daughter of William O'Brien, of Walbridge, had been spending the holidays at Williamson, and the child contracted typhoid fever while there.

Senator Prichard's Daughter Ill.

Miss Lula Prichard, daughter of Senator and Mrs. J. S. Prichard, is dangerously ill with pneumonia at the home of her sister in Paris, Ky. Miss Lula accompanied by her mother, spent last week visiting the Senator in Frankfort, and on Saturday left for Paris to visit her sister Mrs. Geo. W. Chapman, before returning to their home in Boyd county.

She was suddenly attacked with what appeared to be grip, which is so prevalent at this time, but in a few hours it developed that she had pneumonia. Grave fears are entertained for her by her friends, owing to the fact that this is the second siege of pneumonia she has experienced within a little more than a year.

Sent for a Purpose.

Representative Watson G. Caudill, the Democrat, who won out in the overwhelmingly Republican district of Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties, declares he was sent to the Legislature for no other purpose than to secure the repeal of the dog tax law, his constituency taking the position that a Democrat would have more influence in this respect than a half dozen Republicans. He says the dog law is the paramount issue in his "neck of the woods," and it comes to demanding its repeal. Representative Caudill declares that unless the obnoxious law is done away with that the "varmints" will take the mountain country.

Attorney General John W. Woods.

Word from Frankfort was that things looked flattering for Attorney John W. Woods, of this city, being the next candidate for Attorney General. Mr. Woods is in Frankfort, and will return home tonight. He is a bright young attorney, and has just served a term as County Attorney, which office he filled with the greatest credit. He is a man of sterling qualities, and if given the nomination and elected to the office, he will fill it with credit both to himself and party. Mr. Woods is a loyal Democrat, but has staunch friends in both parties.—Ashland Independent.

Lon Fraley Getting Well.

Lon Fraley, who was so shockingly injured in the Torchlight mines on the 13th of last November, has recovered sufficient to be taken to his home at Torchlight. He was taken to Riverview hospital and was there operated upon by Dr. T. D. Burgess. He was very seriously injured, and for a long time it was doubtful whether he would recover. His life seemed to hang in the balance a long time. Finally the turn for the better came, and on the 29 of January he was able to be removed. Barring mishaps his complete recovery seems assured.

Has Returned to Finish.

W. G. Combs and wife, who were married here last year while both were attending the K. N. C., have returned to Louisa and gone to housekeeping. Mr. Combs has returned to finish the regular course. Mrs. Combs was Miss Eunice Lowe. Her sister is with them.

BIG SANDY RIVER

Gets Another Appropriation From Congress.

Congressman Langley Wires the Good News to President of River Association.

A telegram was received by Col. Jay H. Northup from Hon. John W. Langley Thursday morning of this week stating that the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress has given money enough to complete dams No. 1 and another lock on Levisa.

Judging from the recommendation of the engineer department and from a general knowledge of the situation we construe the telegram to mean that money enough to entirely complete dam No. 1 on Levisa and dam No. 1 on Tug has been provided. \$25,000 is needed for each of these. The Sundry Civil Bill last year appropriated \$25,000 for this purpose, but the money was not made available for use. The sum stated is needed for building some walls and protecting the banks at these dams.

The provision for another lock and dam on Levisa is very welcome news also.

As to another lock on the Tug fork Congressman Hughes and Senator Elkins may be depended upon to secure this through the Senate. They have never yet failed to do this and we believe they will succeed this time.

It has required a hard fight to get anything this time in the face of the howl for economy in government expenditures and our representatives at Washington deserve great credit for the victory.

E. K. Road Not Sold.

Recent reports again have the Eastern Kentucky railway, between Riverton and Webbville, sold to the C. & O. The report is that the E. K. railway franchise runs out some time during this year, and the C. & O. will take charge at the expiration of that time.

In an interview with the Gazette reporter, Vice-President Sturgis G. Bates, of the Eastern Kentucky railway, says the above report is not true, that the E. K. has not been sold. Time and again the newspapers in this section have had the road sold, but it never has, as yet, materialized.—Greenup Gazette.

This is the road that was to have been extended from Webbville via Blaine, Flat Gap, Barnetts Creek, to Magoffin county via Salyersville. The route was surveyed and mapped and a portion of the right of way obtained. This move cannot materialize until the E. K. changes hands.

Sent to a Sanitarium.

The friends of Elliott Preston, of Georges Creek, will be sorry to learn that his mental condition has recently become such that it has been found necessary to send him to a sanitarium for treatment. Mr. Preston is subject to epileptic fits, and, what is not unusual in such cases, he is now suffering with what is called post epileptic insanity. He was quite violent at times, and as the disease from which he was suffering did not yield readily to medicine it was thought best to place him where he could be properly restrained and treated. By the advice of his physician, Dr. T. D. Burgess, he was on Sunday last taken to a sanitarium in Cincinnati and placed under the care of a celebrated specialist. Mr. Preston was accompanied to Cincinnati by two of his brothers, Phillip Preece and Dr. Burgess.

Pikeville Pastimes.

Yesterday some men, who were strangers, probably here for a short time on business, walked over to view the unfinished residence and grounds of Congressman Langley, and, after doing so, proceeded to return to the bridge by crossing the brow of the hill through the woods just above the roadway, and in

doing so they heedlessly loosened a rock that would probably weigh twenty-five pounds. It went down the steep slope with great violence, bounded over a wire fence at the foot of the hill penetrated the wall of a humble little box-house situated on the river bank, which was occupied by Noah Ratcliff and wife, an aged couple, and struck Mrs. Ratcliff over the right eye, making a circuitous gash around her head, passed through the door onto the porch, breaking a hole through a plank. The aged woman is in a critical condition, and Drs. Thompson and Walters think her recovery is doubtful. 'Tis quite a pathetic case, owing to the age and poverty of the old people, who have been trying to support themselves by work.—Ashland Independent.

For Thomas P. Salyer.

Representative Bennett, of Kentucky, has secured the promise of the committee that if a claims bill is reported it will include appropriations for several Kentuckians, who were provided for in the last omnibus bill.

Among the beneficiaries of the bill is Thomas P. Salyer, deceased. His heirs will have the benefit of the amount he would have had.

Former Feudist Faded.

Caleb Jones, aged about 74 years, former Kentucky feudist, with a record of 33 murders, having repeatedly fought John Wright, another feudist, and his lieutenants, and on one occasion killing three who were laying in ambush near his house, was found dead in bed from heart failure at home, near Big Stone Gap, Va., where he had lived quietly for several years.

FRANK WELCH ACQUITTED.

Charge of Murder Against Him Dismissed in West Virginia.

Frank Welch, formerly of this place but who now lives at Iaeger, W. Va., and whose arrest on the charge of murdering Henry Mosby at Iaeger on the 8th of last December, was acquitted of the charge, but was found guilty of carrying a pistol on that occasion. His attorneys, Cook, Litz & Howard and D. L. Auvil gave notice that they would appeal the case to the Supreme Court and Welch was released on \$1,000 bond pending the result of appeal.

The contention of the attorneys for the defense will evidently be that if Welch was justified in taking the life of Mosby in order to protect his own he was also justified in carrying a gun on that particular occasion as brought out by the evidence. The jury was out only a few minutes in each of these cases.

Welch has returned to his home at Iaeger, where he has a wife and three small children.

Machinery Out of Gear.

The astronomical editor of the NEWS slipped a cog in his celestial machinery last week, but the wheels and things are in good order again, and the engineer is at his post.

Halley's comet is still telescopic, but will probably be seen by May. Its tail will probably hit the earth a swipe, but you'll never know it. Its caudal appendage is as thin as a poor man's soup is in these promised days of prosperity. The comet recently seen has four tails, three of its own and the one the NEWS told about it.

The Kermit Election.

The Kermit election was held as per arrangements. The ants had gone before Judge Doolittle in Huntington and gotten an injunction, but the election officers braved contempt proceedings, all except Wm. Workman, and 23 votes were cast for the ticket headed by C. C. Preece. The opposition did not vote, and are still depending on the strength of their injunction. Messrs. Preece and Evans, the new Mayor and Recorder, were sworn in before Squire Chafin, and thus the town of Kermit makes its bow as a corporation.

New Rating for Rural Routes.

In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in mail boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, the Post Office Department has ruled that, commencing February 13, instant, rural mail carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from the mail boxes; and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, when accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps. It sometimes happens that coins are overlooked or are lost in papers or other mail matter; hence the new order.

A Great Man.

Blaine Newport says in the Catlettsburg Democrat that Caleb Powers has shown himself to be a man and a gentleman under trying circumstances and the greatest man Kentucky has produced since Abraham Lincoln.

This does settle it.—Big Sandy News.

Caleb may be all and even more than Blaine Newport claims for him. We don't know about that. But when it comes to gathering in the shekles for making campaign speeches, Caleb is 'Johnny on the spot.' Last fall the Republicans of Johnson county gave him \$500 to deliver one oratorical gem, since which time they have been seriously wondering if the effort was worth the price paid.—Paintsville Herald.

Layne-Hitchins.

"Clayton S. Hitchins and Miss Grace Layne were married at the Hotel Alger Saturday afternoon. Rev. Walter Garrison, officiating." says the Catlettsburg Tribune. "The ceremony was very impressive and was witnessed by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hitchins, of Olive Hill. The bride and groom are prominent. Miss Layne being a member of one of the oldest families in the Big Sandy valley, while the groom is president of the Betsy Layne Coal Co. His father is engaged in business in Olive Hill, being the president of a large Fire brick company at that place. The young couple left on the west-bound train for Cincinnati. From there they will go to Florida for an extended sojourn."

Something Fine in Store.

There will be quite a unique entertainment given by a number of our most talented girls at the opera house on the evening of February 19th. The good people of Louisa have in store a rare treat if they want to hear and see something out of the ordinary. In fact the entertainment given by these local folks will be extraordinary and worthy of the patronage of all lovers of clean, wholesome amusement. Encourage the promoters by your presence; they assure you an evening's programme well worth the price of admission. Further announcements will furnish particulars.

Those Who Are Sick.

Leonidas Bromley, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is convalescing. John Elswick continues quite ill with heart trouble. Willie Jones Crumpler, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Crumpler, is able to sit up occasionally. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Burns have both been quite indisposed this week. Miss Istelena Fagg was quite sick two or three days this week. Arch. McClure, manager of the Brunswick hotel, is quite sick with lagrippe.

Delightfully Entertained.

Mrs. D. J. Burchett very delightfully entertained with flinch on Wednesday afternoon. The company was quite large, eight tables being engaged. The refreshments were most delicious, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.